

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
District Department of the Environment



Natural Resources Administration
Water Quality Division

MAR 12 2012

Mr. William P. Seib, Chief
Regulatory Branch
Department of the Army
Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
PO Box 1715
Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

Re: Water Quality Certification # DC-12-007

Reissuance of all Existing Nationwide Permits (NWP), General Conditions, and Definitions with Modifications, two new NWPs, Three New General Conditions, and Three New Definitions.

Dear Mr. Seib:

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has reviewed Public Notice #12-19 issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (Corps) on February 24, 2012. The public notice announces the reissuance of all existing nationwide permits (NWP), general conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The Corps also issued two new NWPs, three new general conditions, and three new definitions. The NWPs will be effective on March 19, 2012, and will expire on March 18, 2017. The Corps requested a water quality certification for the NWPs.

DDOE has determined that the public interest in the activities authorized under the proposed NWPs in the District of Columbia, requires an individual comprehensive review process and evaluation by the Corps, and subsequent Section 401 water quality certification by DDOE. The substantive standards found in the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act §404(b)(1) guidelines, the Corps' public interest review regulations and policy memoranda of the two agencies provide for this public interest review by both the Corps and DDOE.

Therefore, DDOE hereby issues a water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, to all existing NWPs, general conditions, and definitions with some modifications, and two new NWPs, three new general conditions, and three new definitions with the following conditions:

1. Individual permit applicants are required to obtain permit specific Water Quality Certifications from DDOE.
2. The joint permit application form for proposed work in the District of Columbia should indicate that the application form and all supporting documents must also be submitted to:

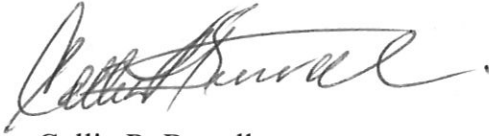


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If we can be of further assistance, please contact Christopher McQuale of the Water Quality Division at (202) 535-2990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Collin R. Burrell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Collin R. Burrell
Associate Director

cc: Beth Bachur, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers